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Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is no secret that Minnesota needs jobs. Like much of the country, our state is working to get back on track economically. To make this happen, we must pursue policies and initiatives that will generate good paying jobs. The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will do just that, and it is for this reason that it deserves your support and approval.

One of the fastest growing industries in the United States is telecommunications. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of workers directly involved in that sector, millions more depend on it to keep their industries connected and efficient. In today's global economy, it is unacceptable that our country ranks 25<sup>th</sup> in terms of Internet speed, at a time when we should be leading.

This merger will result in the creation of as many as 96,000 jobs according to the Economic Policy Institute. Considering we are still trying to repair the damage of the recent recession, this merger presents an excellent opportunity to help get the economy back on track. In addition, thousands of T-Mobile workers will, for the first time, have the opportunity to organize if they wish. That means that those workers and their families will have the chance to benefit from collective bargaining and the improved benefits and training opportunities that come with it.

The Teamsters are proud to work for dignity, respect and justice in the workplace, all of which will come about with this merger. We respectfully ask that you join us in supporting this important transaction.

Sincerely,

Edward Reynoso  
Political Director  
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